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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Serial No.: 10/068,411
Filed: February 6, 2002
For: LARGE SIZED CARBON BLACK
PARTICLES TO REDUCE NEEDED
MIXING ENERGY OF HIGH
HARDNESS, STIFF TIRE
COMPOSITIONS

Art Unit: 1714
Examiner: Wyrozebski-Lee

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action, mailed April 5, 2004, Applicants submit amendments and remarks, and request reconsideration of their application.

Amendments

Applicants request the following amendments to the specification, page 1, paragraph 1:

(Amended) This application is a continuation-in-part of United States Serial No. 09/384,351 filed August 27, 1999, now abandoned.

Remarks

§102(b)

The USPTO continues to reject the present application under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by LAUBE (US 5,426,147) in view of evidence in KITAHARA (US 4,525,541). In order for a claim to be anticipated under §102(b), each and every

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